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SUBJECT: FRENCH IMMIGRANTS TO FRENCH GUIANA

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1. GOF PLANS TO ENCOURAGE EMIGRATION TO FRENCH GUIANA
APPEAR TO BE MORE INDIRECT THAN IMPLIED BY SOME (REFTEL)
AND MOTIVATED MAINLY BY DESIRE TO COVER FUTURE DOMESTIC
NEEDS FOR PAPER PULP. DEFICIT DUE TO PULP IMPORTS WERE
REPORTED IN PRESS TO AMOUNT TO 2 BILLION FRANCS IN 1973
AND COULD REACH 10 BILLION BY 1985 IF NOTHING IS DONE TO
CORRECT THE SITUATION. WHILE NO FIGURES OF THOSE WHO
HAVE ACTUALLY LEFT FRANCE FOR FRENCH GUIANA HAVE BEEN
CITED, LE MONDE SEPTEMBER 15 REPORTS THAT THE OFFICE
CHARGED WITH COORDINATING ENQUIRIES HAD RECEIVED 5,000
VISITS AND 15,000 LETTERS. PAPER INDUSTRY ALONE WOULD
ACCOUNT FOR ONLY PART OF POTENTIAL IMMIGRANTS; THE
PROJECTED FRENCH PLANT WOULD EMPLOY ABOUT 1400 PERSONS.
REMAINDER WOULD BE ACCOUNTED FOR BY PERSONS WORKING ON
INFRASTRUCTURE AND RELATED PROJECTS. THOSE CANDIDATES
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CHOSEN SO FAR HAVE BEEN SELECTED ON THE BASIS OF HAVING

SUFFICIENT CAPITAL TO BE ABLE TO INVEST IN FRENCH GUIANA AND POSSESSING A TECHNICAL CERTIFICATE AS A PLUMBER, CARPENTER, ETC., PLUS SEVERAL YEARS' EXPERIENCE. FARMERS AND FORESTERS ARE ALSO FAVORED. WHILE CURRENT UNEMPLOYMENT PROBLEMS IN FRANCE EXPLAIN MOTIVATION OF MANY APPLICANTS, FAIRLY STRICT REQUIREMENTS FOR QUALIFICATION WILL PROBABLY KEEP NUMBERS DOWN WELL BELOW THOSE CITED REFTEL.

2. AS FOR INDOCHINESE REFUGEES BEING SENT TO GUIANA, THE GOF DOUBTS THAT ANY MORE THAN A FEW DOZEN WOULD HAVE THE QUALIFICATIONS. THERE IS NO PROGRAM FOR SIMPLE PEASANTS NOR IS THERE ANY NEED FOR THE HIGHLY QUALIFIED PROFESSIONAL VIETNAMESE WHO ARE HAVING SUCH PROBLEMS IN LOCATING SUITABLE EMPLOYMENT IN FRANCE. THE STORIES THAT THE US WOULD BE FINANCING THE EMIGRATION TO GUIANA OF 50,000 INDOCHINESE REFUGEES IN THE US SYSTEM WERE, OF COURSE, DISMISSED AS ERRONEOUS BY THE DEPARTMENT. RUSH

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